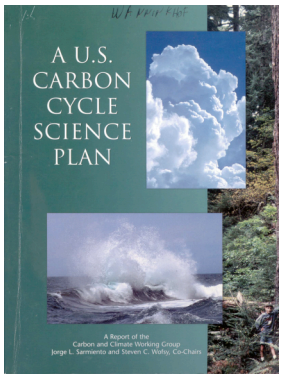
The AOML Ocean Carbon Program

Overall justification: The Global Earth Observation System of Systems

"The Integrated Global Carbon Observation project is developing a global carbon-observing system. "

Implementation Strategy and Plans



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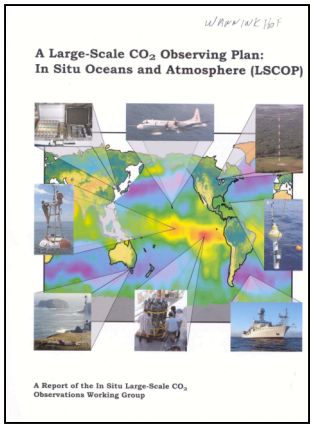
Three key questions regarding ocean carbon

- Where is CO_2 invading into ocean?
- Where is it stored in the ocean ?
- Will ocean uptake and storage change in the future?

And an additional one:

- What are the environmental and ecological impacts of the oceanic CO_2 sequestration



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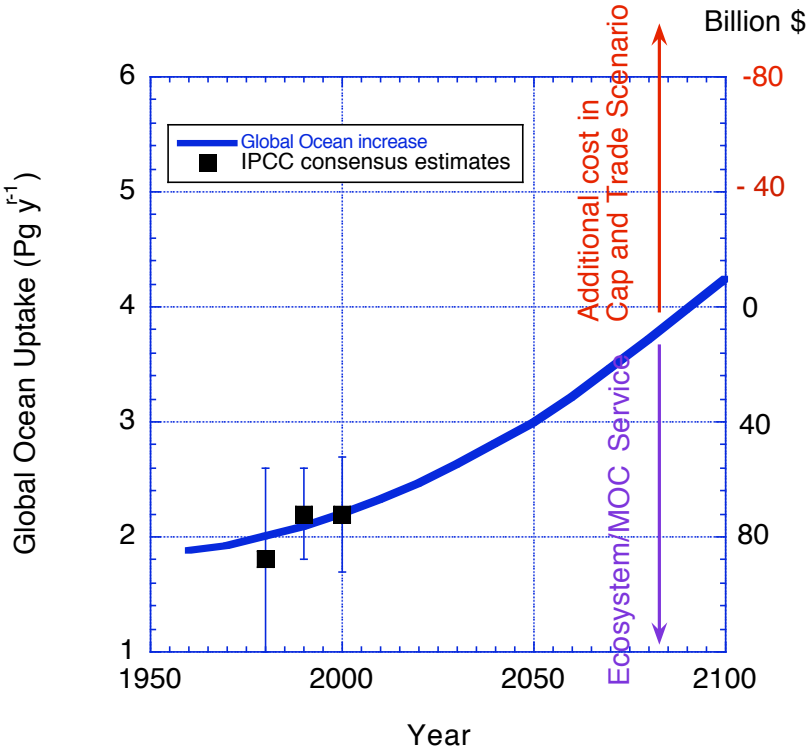
The Default Assumption (IPCC models)

The sequestration of CO_2 by the ocean is proportional to the increase of atmospheric CO_2



1 ton CO_2 ≈ $11

Ecobusinesslinks.com Carbon Offset Survey

(Prices are for individuals, businesses may be able to get volume discounts)

Carbon Offset Provider	Price (US$/Metric ton CO2)	Non-profit	Projects Types	Project Choice	Offset Types	Product Certification/ Verification*
AtmosClear Climate Club USA	3.96[a] - $25.0	No	Methane	No	Car, Home	Environmental Resources Trust
Carbonfund.org USA	$4.30[b] - 5.50	Yes	Renewables, Efficiency, Reforestation	Yes	Home, Car, Air, Events, Business	Environmental Resources Trust, Climate Community and Biodiversity Standards, Chicago Climate Exchange, UNFCCC JI
e-BlueHorizons USA	$5.00	No	Renewables, Reforestation	No	Home, Car, Air	Chicago Climate Exchange, Environmental Resources Trust
Eco2Pass USA	$5.62-6.25	No	Projects from Chicago Climate Exchange	No	Car, Home, Personal, Family	Chicago Climate Exchange
DriveNeutral.org USA	$6.93 & up	Yes	Efficiency	No	Car	Chicago Climate Exchange
DrivingGreen Ireland	$8.00	No	Renewables	No	Car, Air, Events	SES
Terrapass USA	$10.91	No	Renewables, Efficiency	No	Car, Air, Events, Business	Chicago Climate Exchange, Center for Resource Solutions
The CarbonNeutral Company UK	$12.64 (USA) £7.50 (UK VAT incl.)	No	Renewables, Efficiency, Reforestation, Methane	Yes	Car, Air, Events, Business, Deliveries, + many others	CDM Gold Standard, Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Management, Independent Advisory Committee, UNFCCC JI, PricewaterhouseCoopers
Native Energy USA	$13.20	No	Renewables, Methane	Yes	Home, Car, Air, Events, Business	Their "Vintage Offsets" are CDM verified products.
Standard Carbon USA	$15.00	No	Methane, Efficiency, Renewables, Carbon Sequestration	No	Car, Air, Sea, Events, Political Campaigns	Chicago Climate Exchange
Cleaner Climate UK & Australia	$15.00-18.00	No	Renewables, Efficiency	No	Air, Car, Home, Business	CDM Gold Standard
Sustainable travel International US, Switzerland	15.25	Yes	Renewables	No	Air, Car, Home, Hotel	See Myclimate

The uptake of anthropogenic CO_2 is controlled by the large-scale overturning (MOC) and a biological pump ***that is in steady state***

Where is CO_2 stored in the ocean ?

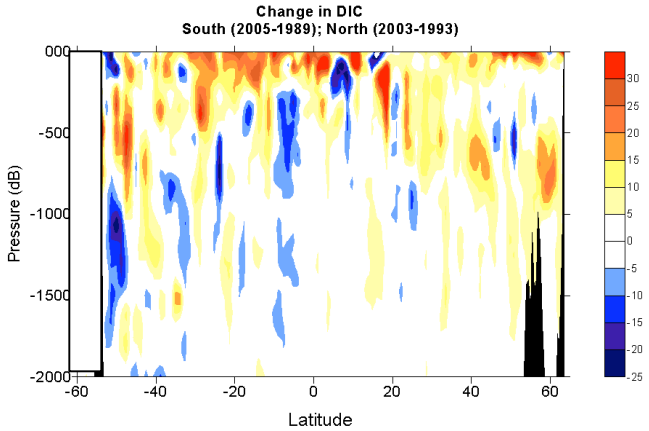
CLIVAR/CO_2 repeat hydrography program: Determine the decadal changes in anthropogenic carbon in the ocean

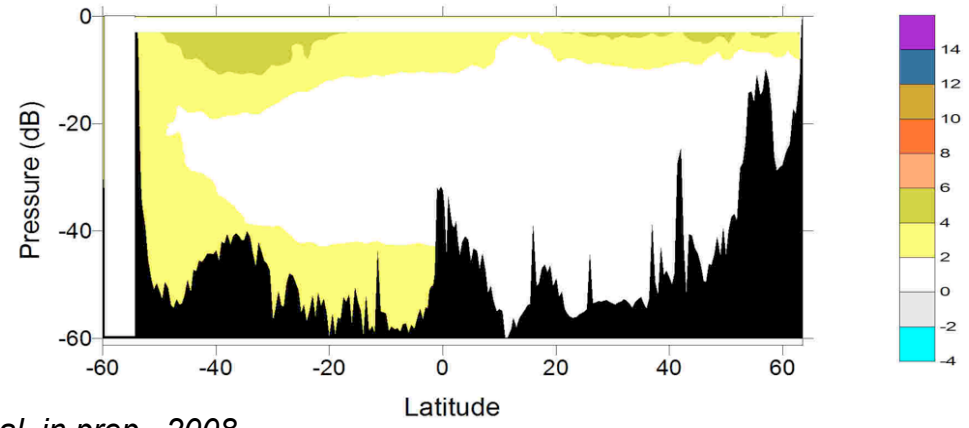
Estimates of ocean inventory changes in anthropogenic carbon (mol C $m^{-2}yr^{-1}$) over the last decade. (0.5 mol C $m^{-2}yr^{-1} \approx 2$ Pg C)

	Atlantic (25°W)	Pacific (152°W)	Indian (80 ˚E)
Northern Hemisphere	0.75	0.25	0.3
Southern Hemisphere	0.63	0.41	0.5

*Indian Ocean changes are preliminary.

1. Large differences between regions
2. The changes in DIC are patchy- why?





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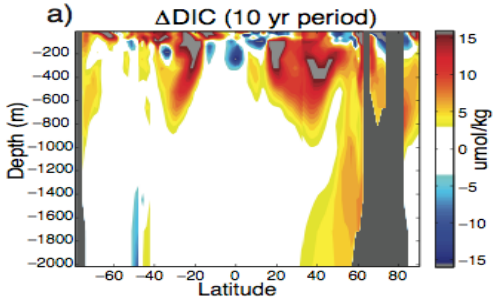
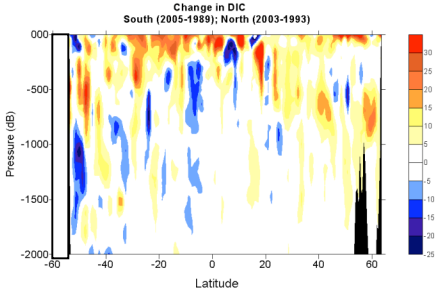
Wanninkhof et al. in prep. 2008

Verification and attribution of patchy changes in DIC with ocean biogeochemistry models

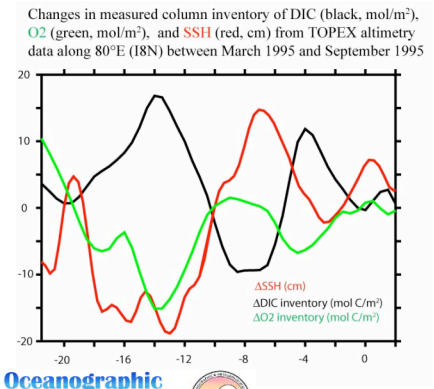
1. Incorporating a multi-species biogeochemistry/plankton model into a high resolution GCM with synoptic forcing, changes of similar magnitude are observed (NCAR community model): we can model the anomalies

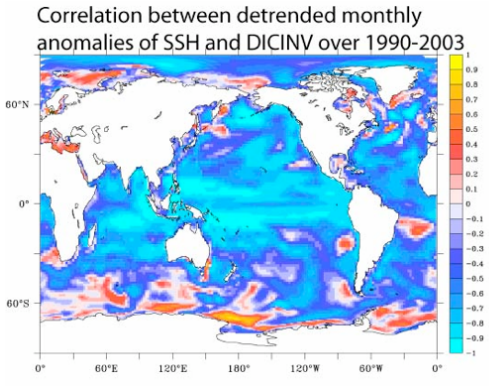




The Impact of Ocean Carbon System Variability on the Detection of Temporal Increases in Anthropogenic CO_2
Levine et al., (WHOI), 2008 in press

2. Using remotely sensed SSH a clear pattern between DIC and SSHA are observed that are validated with the OCMIP models: we have means of detecting the anomalies





Altimetry helps to explain patchy changes in hydrographic carbon measurements
Rodgers et al. 2008 (Princeton/GFDL) submitted

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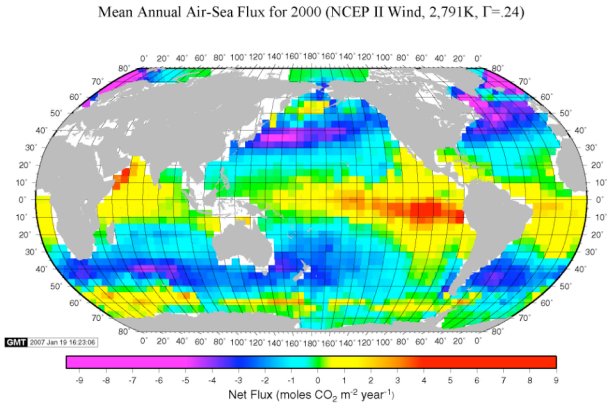
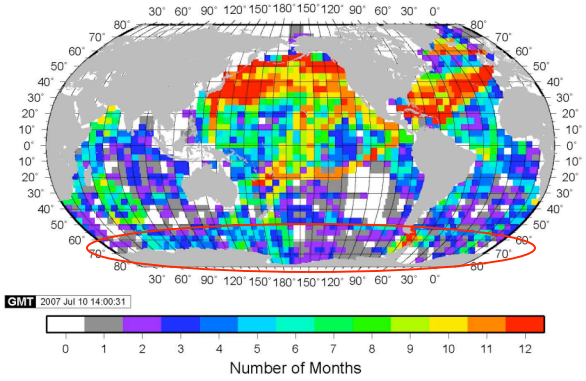
Where is CO_2 invading into ocean?

Global climatology





Takahashi et al. 2008 LDEO /Columbia U. 26 co-authors accepted

High latitude work (IPY):

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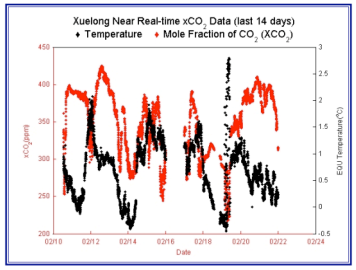

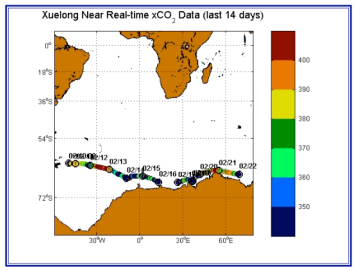

Near real-time display from Xue Long

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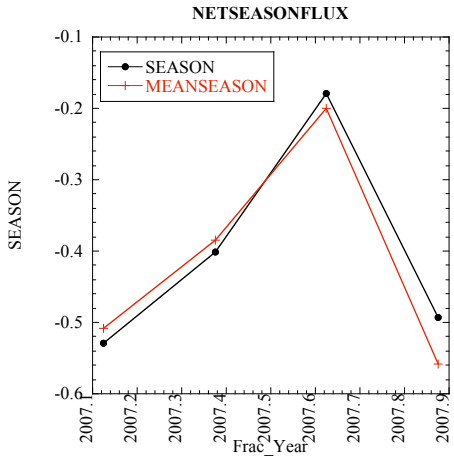
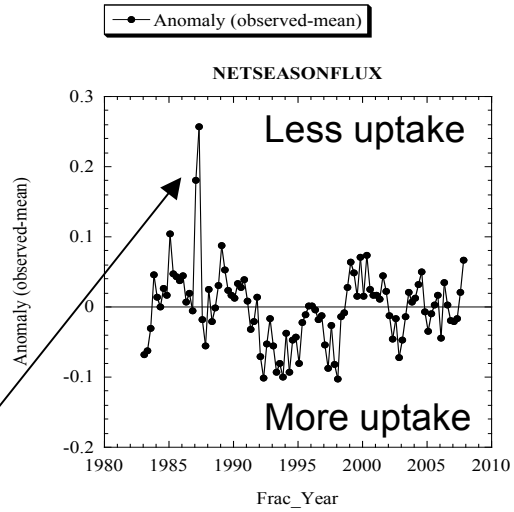
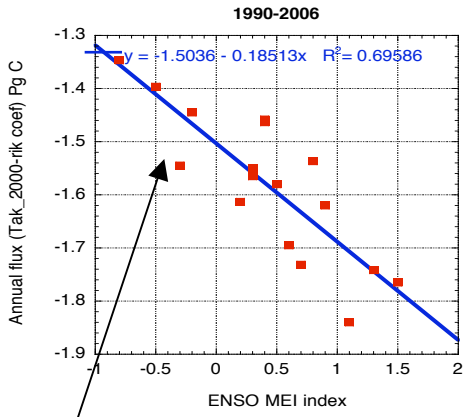
http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/ocd/gcc/

Is the ocean uptake and storage changing?

Using empirical relationships with SST- determine inter-annual variability

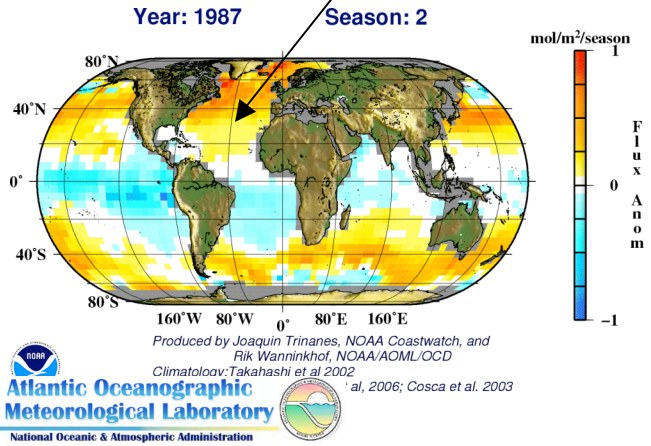




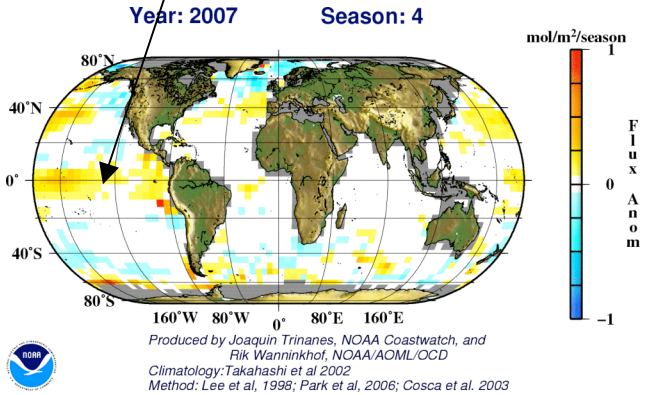


Product: Seasonal air-sea CO_2 flux maps

La Nina: Less uptake



Remotely sensed products:
Reynold's SST
NCEP-2 winds



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Courtesy J.Trinanes

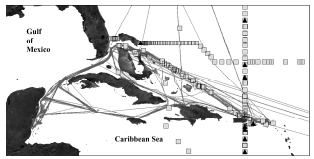
What are the environmental and ecological impacts of the oceanic CO_2 sequestration?

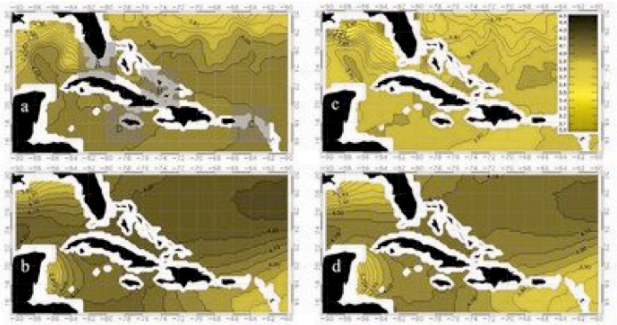
Ocean acidification:
The major concern is decreased production of calcium carbonate (Tests, shells, corals):

$$CaCO_3 + CO_2 + H_2O = 2\ HCO_3^- + Ca^{2+}$$

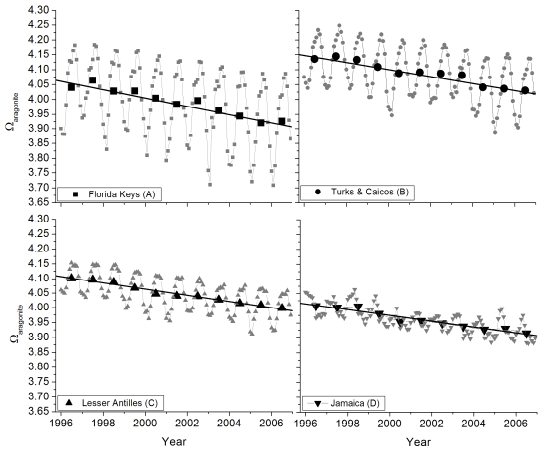
Note- Where is the acid?
It is a saturation state issue: $\Omega = [Ca^{2+}]\,[CO_3^{2-}] / K_{sp}$

Changing saturation states in the Caribbean Sea





Gledhill et al. 2008
NESDIS, in review



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Conclusions

- The decadal CLIVAR CO_2 survey ("ocean observations yesterday") are providing a snapshot of changing ocean CO_2 inventories, and biogeochemical changes that were unexpected. The observations have provided impetus to improve models
- The surface water observations along with empirical methods and remote sensing provide seasonal estimates of CO_2 flux that serve as a first-order estimate of changing fluxes
- Increasing observations at high latitude will provide validation climate change induced decreases in oceanic uptake (Southern ocean-winds; Arctic Ocean ice melt)
- The surface water CO_2 observing system could/should be used as the backbone of the ocean acidification monitoring with emphasis and coastal observations

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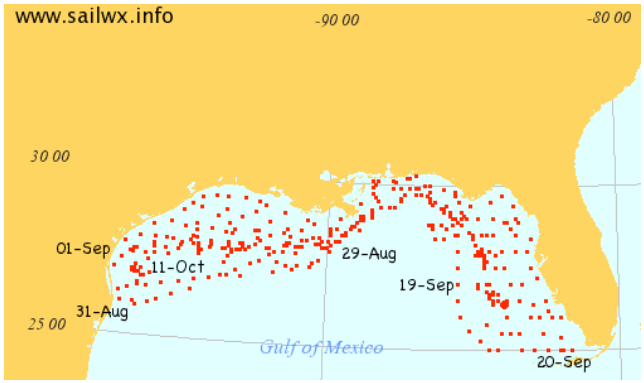
Installation of pCO_2 system on NOAA fisheries ship *Gunther*, March 2008
In support of NGI CI



Supplementary material: AOML Ocean Carbon group Facts and Figures

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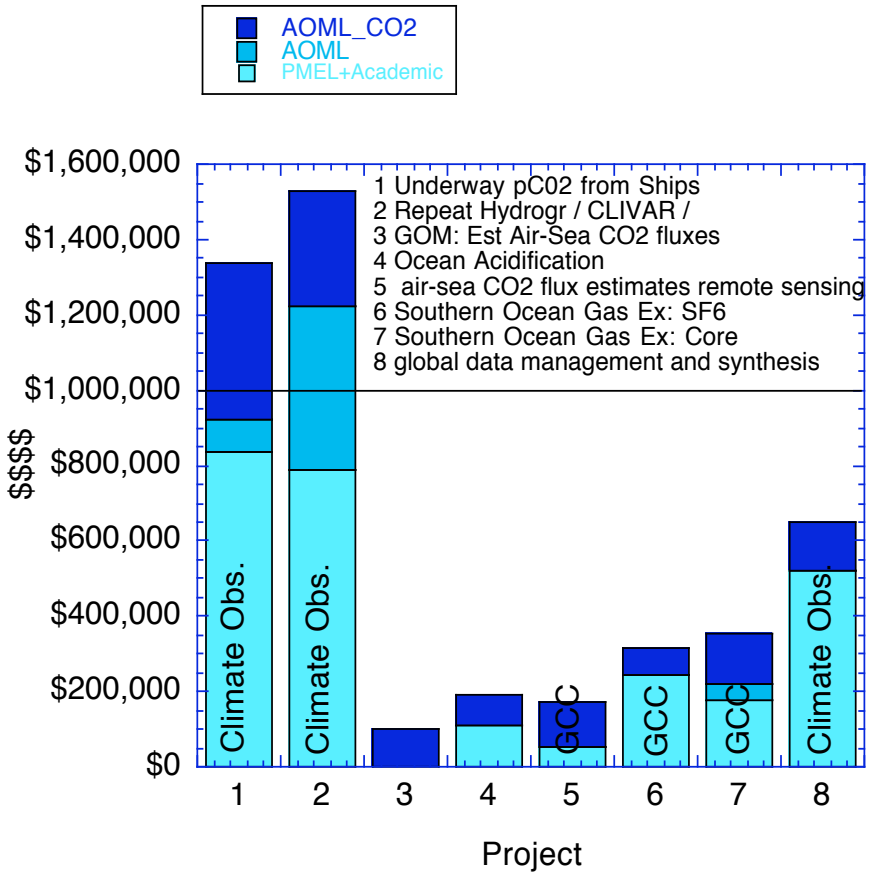

Projects:

1,2,8- Climate Obs.

5,6,7- Global Carbon Cycle Program

3- NGI cooperative institute

5- NASA biogeochemistry

Legend- dark blue: funds for AOML CO2 group; light blue: other AOML investigators; light green: other partners (academic & PMEL)

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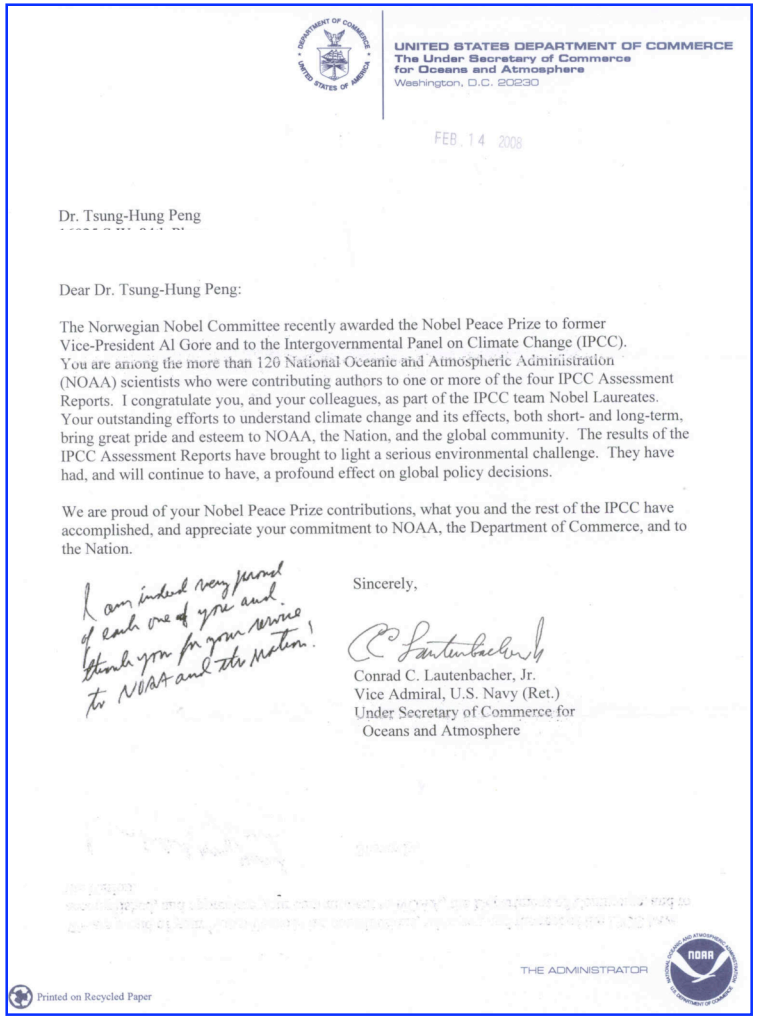

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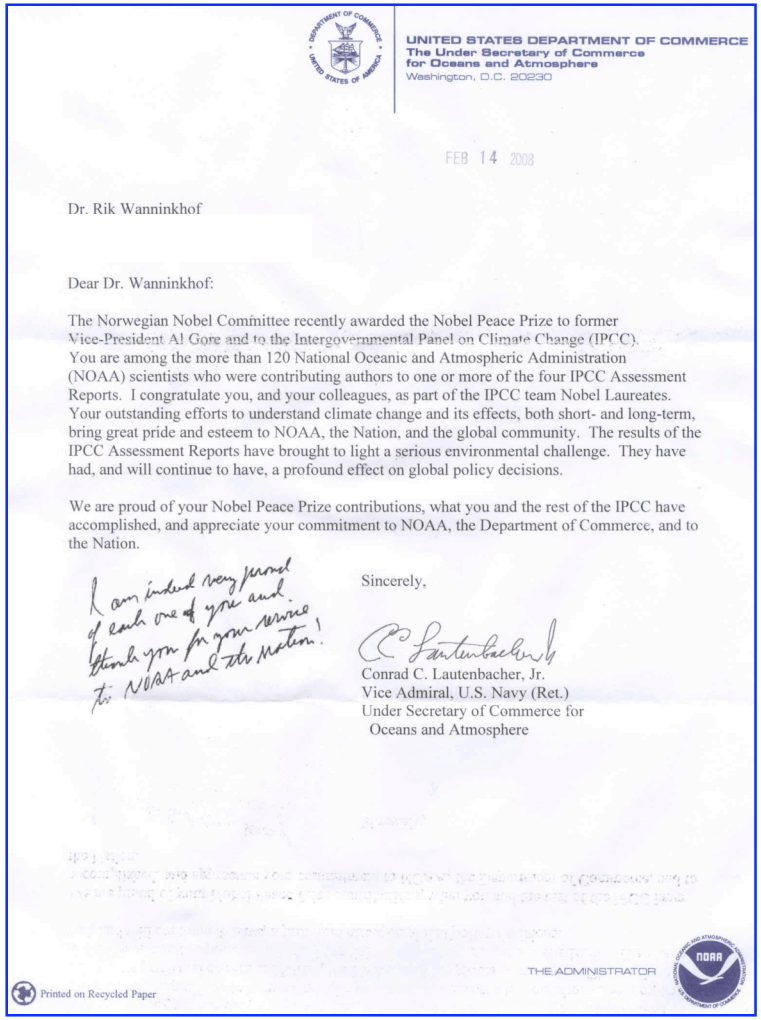

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Still to come